

Minutes of the
Planning Committee of the McDowell Sonoran Preserve Commission

August 23rd, 2007,
At the Community Design Studio
7506 E. Indian School Road, in Scottsdale, AZ

Call to Order and Introductions

Chair Erik Filsinger called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM.

Members present: Jerry Miller, Deke Joralmon, B.J. Heggli, Rand Hubbell, Chair Erik Filsinger, Vice Chair Linda Whitehead and Jean Anderson.
Staff present: Bob Cafarella & Scott Hamilton.

Erik informed the group that he had received two proxies from the following members: Ruthie Carll and Dan Gruber for the purpose of voting on the noticed action items.

Erik explained that under open meeting law interpretation the Planning Committee should record minutes of its meetings and he asked for a volunteer to be secretary. Jean Anderson stated that she would do this.

Approval: Summary Minutes from May 17 Meeting

Minutes from the May 17, 2007 meeting were presented; Linda Whitehead made the motion to accept, and Rand Hubbell, seconded. Motion to accept notes as presented was passed unanimously.

Presentation, Discussion, and Possible Action: Proposed modifications to the Conceptual Preserve Trail System Plan

Preservation Director, Bob Cafarella, made a short presentation on the background of the Conceptual Trail System and the proposed modifications. He mentioned that our recommendation will be given to the Preserve Commission through our chair, Erik, and that the Preserve Commission will adopt the recommendations or not. He also mentioned that an archeologist and representative of Game and Fish will be evaluating whenever a trail segment is laid out on the ground.

Trails Coordinator, Scott Hamilton, talked through the new modifications to the Conceptual Trail System by going over the following new Loop Segments with large maps: (each member having smaller ones) Loop Segment "A": 1.36 mile long trail segment that will connect the Old Jeep Trail to the Quartz Trail, passing through a saddle with an elevation of 2,587 feet. Loop Segment "B": .078 mile long trail segment will connect the Eastern terminus of the Quartz Trail to the ridge Southeast of Thompson Peak, and to the Thompson Peak access Road. Loop Segment "C": 1.56 mile trail segment will connect the Thompson Peak Ridge to the Prospector Trail, in the area of

Dixie Mine. Loop Segment "D": 1.15 mile long trail segment that connects Windmill Trail to the planned Tom's Thumb Trail, just East of Tom's Thumb.

The members discussed each of the loop segments; importance of signage; trail widths; conditions of the existing trails; some areas being remote; animal corridors, and the like. The discussion points were varied and comprehensive.

Rand Hubbell made a motion to accept all 4 loop segments as presented; seconded by B.J. Heggli. Chair Filsinger asked for additional discussion before the vote. Several points were made and discussed. Chair Filsinger handed out email comments from a Mr. Greg Woodall concerning possible abandonment of the Tom's Thumb trail. Committee members discussed the comments but took no action.

After a call for the Question, the original Motion carried unanimously.

Committee and Public Comments

Jerry Miller mentioned the rocks on road on Loop "A", and could they be taken care of? Scott: possibly be taken care of with construction.

Future Meeting Dates and Agenda Items

The members present will have meetings on the third Thursday of each month. Linda Whitehead asked that the Legal Enforcement on the Preserves be an agenda item for next month's meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 6:35 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Jean Anderson, Acting Secretary